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SUBJECT: FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS FOLLOWING ARREST OF
BALUCHISTAN NAP LEADERS INCLUDING ARREST
OF GOVERNOR'S BROTHER

REF: KARACHI 1499

BEGIN SUMMARY: AUGUST 19 GOVERNOR BUGTI DESCRIBED
CASES AGAINST ARRESTED NAP FIGURES AS CRIMINAL CASES
WITH POLITICAL BACKGROUND. TWENTY PLUS STUDENTS, SOME
AFFILIATED WITH BALUCHISTAN STUDENTS ORGANIZATION (BSO)
HAVE BEEN PICKED UP SINCE ARRESTS. DETAINED NAP MPA
MALUVI SHAMSUDDIN WAS RELEASED PRIOR TO APPEARANCE
BEFORE SIND-BALUCHISTAN HIGH COURT. PROVINCIAL NAP
WORKING COMMITTEE, WHICH ON AUGUST 21 RECOMMENDED
UDF ABANDON PLANNED AUGUST 24 CIVIL DISOBEDIENCE
MOVEMENT, MET AGAIN AUGUST 22 WITH AHMAD NAWAZ
BUGTI IN ATTENDANCE AND DECIDED TO SUPPORT UDF'S
DECISION TO COMMENCE CAMPAIGN AS SCHEDULED ON A
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PROVINCIAL BASIS AUGUST 24. IN QUETTA A NEW GROUP, THE

UNITED PROVINCIAL COMMITTEE (UPC), HAS BEEN CREATED FOR THE PURPOSE OF MAINTAINING POLITICAL PEACE AND AMITY IN THE PROVINCE. LATEST DEVELOPMENT IS REPORT THAT AHMAD NAWAZ BUGTI, YOUNGER BROTHER OF GOVERNOR BUGTI ARRESTED IN QUETTA AUGUST 22. END SUMMARY.

1. IN COMMENTS TO NEWSMEN AUGUST 19 GOVERNOR BUGTI, IN ADDITION TO STATING CASES REGISTERED AGAINST NAP LEADERS WERE OF A CRIMINAL NATURE WITH A POLITICAL BACKGROUND, SAID GOP HOME MINISTER QAYYUM KHAN HAD TAKEN NOTICE OF THE AFGHAN GOVERNMENT'S CONCERN OVER THE ARRESTS AND GOVERNOR HIMSELF CONSIDERED AFGHAN GOVERNMENT'S INTEREST "NATURAL". BUGTI ALSO REPORTEDLY TOLD REPORTERS PRIME MINISTER BHUTTO HAD OFFERED ASSURANCE DOORS OF POLITICAL NEGOTIATIONS NOT RPT NOT CLOSED. GOVERNOR DID NOT RULE OUT POSSIBILITY OF REACTION TO NAP LEADERS' ARREST AND EXPECTED THAT IT MIGHT TAKE PLACE IN DUE COURSE OF TIME. HE STRONGLY REPUDIATED HIS BROTHER'S AUGUST 18 ALLEGATION THAT PEOPLE FLEEING FROM BALUCHISTAN TO AFGHANISTAN (REF-TEL).

2. FORMER PROVINCIAL MINISTER AND NAP MPA MAULVI SHAMSUDDIN, WHO HAD BEEN TAKEN INTO CUSTODY JULY 17, WAS RELEASED AUGUST 20, TWO DAYS PRIOR TO SCHEDULED APPEARANCE BEFORE THE BALUCHISTAN-SIND HIGH COURT IN CONNECTION WITH A WRIT PETITION. SUBSEQUENT TO HIS RELEASE IN PUBLIC STATEMENTS IN QUETTA AND KARACHI, MAULVI SHAMSUDDIN REPORTEDLY SAID HE HAD BEEN OFFERED CHIEF MINISTERSHIP IN RETURN FOR COOPERATION WITH BUGTI GOVERNMENT, OBJECTED TO PRESENCE OF ARMY IN BALUCHISTAN FOR POLITICAL PURPOSES, AND SAID HE TRANSPORTED FROM QUETTA TO MAWAND IN AN IRANIAN HELICOPTER. SHAMSUDDIN ALLEGED THAT QUARTERS WERE BEING REPAIRED IN QUETTA CANTONMENT FOR THE USE OF THE IRANIAN ARMY. STRIKING BACK AT ONE OF HIS FORMER COLLEAGUES, PRESENT BALUCHISTAN MINISTER SALEH MOHAMMAD, WHO ANNOUNCED IN QUETTA THAT THE BALUCHISTAN JUI WOULD NOT COOPERATE WITH UDF AUGUST 24 PROGRAM, SHAMSUDDIN SAID THE JUI WOULD GO ALONG WITH UDF'S PROGRAM AND SALEH MOHAMMAD LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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HAD NO FOLLOWING.

3. ON AUGUST 17 SOME STUDENTS ATTEMPTED TO FORCE CLOSURE OF A QUETTA EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION TO PROTEST ARRESTS OF MENGAL, MARRI AND BIZENJO. SOME WERE TAKEN INTO CUSTODY AT THE TIME AND SUBSEQUENTLY ADDITIONAL STUDENTS HAVE BEEN ROUNDED UP. PRESS STATES THAT 20-23 STUDENTS HAVE BEEN ARRESTED THUS FAR. SOME OF THOSE

ARRESTED IDENTIFIED AS MEMBERS OF THE BALUCHISTAN
STUDENTS' ORGANIZATION (BSO).
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4. BALUCHISTAN NAP WORKING COMMITTEE MET AUGUST 21
IN ADDITION TO NAMING SENATOR MOHAMMAD HASHIM
GHILZAI AS TEMPORARY PRESIDENT IN PLACE OF SARDAR MARRI
AND AN ACTING GENERAL SECRETARY TO REPLACE AMIRUL
MULK (ARRESTED MARCH 2, 1973 KARACHI 0315), GROUP
DECIDED TO RECOMMEND TO UDF POSTPONEMENT OF "CIVIL
DISOBEDIENCE CAMPAIGN" AUGUST 24. GROUP MET AGAIN AUGUST 22
AUGMENTED BY PRESENCE OF AHMAD NAWAZ BUGTI, WHO HAD RETURNED
FROM LAHORE UDF CONCLAVE, AND REVERSED ITS DECISION OF
PREVIOUS DAY AND DECIDED TO LAUNCH A PROVINCIAL PROGRAM
ON AUGUST 24 IN CONSONANCE WITH UDF DECISION.

5. THE CREATION OF A NEW GROUP, THE UNITED PROVINCIAL
COMMITTEE (UPC), SURFACED IN QUETTA AUGUST 22. THIS GROUP
COMPRISED OF REPRESENTATIVES OF FIVE GROUPS --
PPP, QAYYUM LEAGUE, PDP, JUI AND NAP (P) --
STATED ITS PURPOSE IS TO "MAINTAIN POLITICAL PEACE AND

AMITY IN THE PROVINCE".

6. LATEST DEVELOPMENT REPORTED IN KARACHI AFTERNOON
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PAPERS OF AUGUST 23 WAS THE ARREST IN QUETTA EVENING
AUGUST 22 OF AHMAD NAWAZ BUGTI AND TWO OTHER PARTI-
CIPANTS IN THE NAP WORKING COMMITTEE MEETINGS AUGUST 21-22.

7. COMMENT: LITTLE REASON TO DOUBT PRESS REPORTS
THAT AHMAD NAWAZ AND TWO OTHER NAP MEMBERS ARRESTED.
APPEARANCE OF FIVE GROUP UNITED PROVINCIAL COMMITTEE
SUGGESTS THAT ALL NOT RIGHT WITHIN BUGTI-DOMINATED ANTI-
NAP GROUP. THIS APPEARS LIKELY SINCE MPA PARACHA
A PPP CONVERT, WHO HAS BEEN IGNORED FOR A MINISTERIAL
POST OR TITULAR LEADERSHIP OF PROVINCIAL PPP, IS A MEMBER OF
NEW GROUP, AND QAYYUM LEAGUE, VEHICLE OF NABI BUX ZEHRI,
COLLABORATOR OF BUGTI, WHICH SUPPOSEDLY MERGED WITH PPP
WHEN ZEHRI HIMSELF JOINED PPP, CLAIMS REPRESENTATION
IN NEW GROUP. THERE HAVE BEEN NO REPORTS OF VIOLENT
INCIDENTS SINCE REFTTEL, BUT COMMUNICATIONS FROM
BALUCHISTAN NEVER VERY RELIABLE, LIKELY BECOME LESS RELIABLE, IF
NOT BECAUSE OF FLOOD CONDITIONS ELSEWHERE IN COUNTRY, THE
BECAUSE LOCAL POLITICAL CONDITIONS CONTINUE TO REMAIN
UNSETTLED AND A SOURCE OF CONCERN TO THE PROVINCIAL
AND CENTRAL GOVERNMENTS.
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